

MAN OVERBOARD! – Part 2

Jonah Series
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Review (Jonah's Calling & Disobedience; 1:1-3)

- Jonah was a prophet of northern Israel (2 Kings 14:23-25)
- God tells Jonah to prophesy against Nineveh (the capital city of the Assyrian empire)
- Jonah goes in the opposite direction, setting sail westward on the Mediterranean Sea
- ***Jonah's disobedience is typical of Adam's race (Isa 53:6; Rom 3:23)***

Jonah & the Great Fish (1:4-17) – Passage Overview

- God miraculously¹ causes a great storm that threatens to destroy the ship Jonah has boarded (4)
- The other passengers fear for their lives (5)
 - *They call on their pagan gods for help*
 - *They throw cargo overboard to lighten the ship*
- Jonah is asleep in the ship's lower parts and is awakened by the captain (5-6)
- The sailors are suspicious that one of the passengers is the cause of the trouble (7)
 - *They cast lots*
 - *The lot falls on Jonah (miraculously caused by God?)²*
- Jonah explains that he is fleeing from the God of the Hebrews, the Creator of land and sea (8-10), and that they must throw him overboard in order for the sea to be calmed (11-12)
- The men do this reluctantly and fearfully (13-15)
- God miraculously³ causes the storm to cease (15)
- This causes the men to glorify the true God (16)
- God miraculously⁴ causes a great (large) fish to swallow Jonah, sparing him from certain death (17)
 - *Jonah spends three days/nights in the belly of the fish (17)*

